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For: **HIGH FREQUENCY DITHERING PROBE FOR HIGH SPEED
SCANNING PROBE MICROSCOPE**

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on August 14, 2002, relating to the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the patent application in light of the following remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the following claims:

1 1. (Once amended) A high frequency dithering probe for a high speed scanning probe
2 microscope, comprising:
3 a high frequency quartz-crystal resonator having a fundamental resonant
4 frequency in the range of 1MHz ~ 100MHz and a thickness of 0.01mm~2.0mm and having an
5 electrode attached to a surface of the quartz-crystal resonator; and
6 a probe attached to the quartz-crystal resonator and having a length of not more
7 than 2mm.

1 2. (Once amended) The high frequency dithering probe of claim 1, wherein the quartz-
2 crystal resonator is formed in a flat disk type shape with a plane area of scores of mm²